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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PBOR MOPS MARR LE
SUBJ: SOUTH LEBANON: GENERAL ERSKINE'S DEPLOYMENT

REF: JERUSALEM 934

1. WE REALIZE ERSKINE IS BEING VERY ACTIVE, AS REFTEL INDICATES, AND THAT HE IS DOING HIS BEST, BUT SOMEONE SENIOR IS NEEDED HERE PERMANENTLY IF WE ARE EVER TO GET THE LEBANESE ARMY MOVING. ONE OF REASONS THERE IS NO LEBANESE OFFICER IN NAQOURA IS BECAUSE ERSKINE IS NOT HERE TO BELABOR LEBANESE ON THE ISSUE. WE ASSUME COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE ARE IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION IN HIS DECISION TO REMAIN IN JERUSALEM, AND PERHAPS SIILASVUO WANTS TO KEEP HIM UNDER HIS EYE, BUT IT SEEMS ELEMENTAL TO US THAT A COMMANDER SHOULD BE LIVING AS WELL AS WORKING WITH HIS TROOPS IF HE IS GOING TO BE EFFECTIVE. THIS IS UNSYG AND UNTSO DECISION, HOWEVER, AND NOT OURS.

2. IF BEIRUT CANNOT HAVE ERSKINE, UNSYG SHOULD AT LEAST GIVE IT SOMEONE RESPONSIBLE AND SAVVY. IN THIS REGARD, AMBASSADOR LEONARD'S SUGGESTIONS THAT UNSYG SEND SPECIAL REP TO BEIRUT TO HANDLE POLITICAL PROBLEMS REGARDING

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UNIFIL STRIKES US AS BEING VERY USEFUL. IT COULD CONSIDERABLY AMELIORATE PROBLEM CAUSED BY ERSKINE'S NON-PRESENCE.
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